

January 27, 2010



A gathering of neighbors!

For the whole family!!

**THIS TUESDAY!**

**Pot Luck Dinner!**

Bring the kids!

Yeah, yeah we know. Our traditional January Potluck dinner is in February? After 20+ years, we thought a one-time change might be FUN!

**Gary Mueller & Cindy Gerlach's home**  
**\*520 S. 9th** Phone: 742-1970

**MEETING!!**



**Read the Fine Print**

We'll have **NAMETAGS** for everyone since we ARE expecting lots of new faces! (That would be YOU maybe?) **YOU ARE INVITED** (and expected!) This is a **NEIGHBORHOOD** potluck and it's for ALL **RESIDENTS** and **FRIENDS....** renters, property owners, new residents and old - if you get this newsletter - consider yourself invited! Hope to see YOU on Tuesday!

Hey! This is NOT a basic-boring "annual meeting" in OUR 'hood! Yes, we will elect our 2010 officers, but this is the quintessential 9th Street gathering:

- we EAT great food!
- we meet new folks
- we (briefly) talk about 2010 events & stuff
- we make sure no one gets too serious about the stuff we talk about...
- we eat some MORE great food ....

Bring your calendars, please!

**AND ONE MORE ve-e-e-r-r-ry important THING:** YOU are invited! A little reminder: we are a **NEIGHBORHOOD** Association, NOT a "homeowners" association - so short-term and long-term residents are all part of our 'hood!

**\* Historic note:**

Since the first "Annual Potluck Dinner" in January 1987, this event always has been held at 520 S. 9th except for last year when the home (and kitchen) were undergoing a major remodel. Wow. So, we thank the previous owners of 520 (Doug & Jody Vanderweilen and Tanya & Alan McDonald) for their hospitality and we thank Gary Mueller & Cindy Gerlach for continuing the tradition!

**"The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor."**

*Hubert H. Humphrey*

**"Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there."** *Franklin P. Jones*

**February 2nd GROUNDHOG DAY!**



**Gather: anytime after 5:30**  
**We EAT at 6:00!**

**Provided:**

Table service, drinks

**You Bring:**

Absolutely anything! Bring chips, bring a salad (your own or from the deli), bring a **DESSERT**. Hey, bring a bucket of KFC if you want to - this is a flexible and hungry group who are professional eaters! (And Martha Stewart will NOT be in attendance) There will be some "traditional" dishes (read: she brings the same thing every year) and the kids are always on the lookout for Oreos!

**Psssst:**

A secret! At this **POTLUCK**, if you don't bring a "POT," you're in **LUCK!** There's always enough for all!

**About this Groundhog thing:**

No, we're not serving groundhog! Neither are we expecting only brown or shadow-y food. We're hoping to celebrate that the furry creature has NOT returned to his burrow, which means winter will end soon!

**SNOW SHOVELING!**

There are 2 (TWO) topics that seem to always be reappearing in our newsletter: dog poop and snow shoveling. We'll save the dog thing 'til later..

A neighborly reminder: Your walks must be clear within 6 hours of the end of a snowfall. It's the law. And, of course, it's the nice thing to do.

(And of course, you avoid big liability issues if someone falls. HMMMMM)

A huge thanks to all the neighbors who routinely shovel and/or blow MORE than they have to.

If you need help with shoveling, let us know -

there are some nice folks in the 'hood who might help!





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-- Congratulations to AARON & LURA FEHIR, 213 S. 9th, on the birth of their son ISAIAH, born January 15th.

-- Our sympathy to neighbors GENA & KERRY BROWN on the death of Gena's mother, Marge Bennett. We are so sorry.

-- In the past several months, our neighborhood has been saddened by the death of 2 of the founding members of the Association: KAREN WALKER was a leader and great organizer of the very first Holiday Home Tour we hosted in 1986.

DOROTHY REIFENRATH opened her home for that 1986 tour and will always be remembered for her twinkling smile and deep love for her neighborhood.

--We thank and appreciate CHERYL KIRKPATRICK and MARGE PECK for their super-generous gift to the neighborhood - they enabled us to bring home "SPOT." (see pictures to the right)

Spot was our entry in the "Dog Days" public art project, a fundraiser for the Art Museum and PU's Vet School. A group of neighbors attended the final fundraising auction, hoping to be able to "buy" Spot back, but found we couldn't even make the opening bid. (We were sad) To our surprise (and on the sly), Cheryl and Marge bid and won Spot and then graciously gave Spot back to us, in memory of Cheryl's parents, Charles & Gail Kirkpatrick, who lived at 800 State Street. There were a few tears. And Spot smiled.

## Looking Ahead...

We'll finalize our year's activities Tuesday, but here are some things to know/ think about now.

-- 2010 is the 20th ANNIVERSARY of the Children's Box Parade! We hope to invite "alumnae" to return and march!

-- 2011 is the 25th ANNIVERSARY of the founding of our Association and we will present another Home & Garden Tour. Now's the time to start planning!

-- We always need homes/apartments to host our neighborhood gatherings...how about your place this year?



SPOT is back home again in the 'hood (and is happy!).



Gail & Charles Kirkpatrick with neighbor Izzy Loepker on the veranda of the Historic Museum following a neighborhood celebration.